

"but the characters are from the village, I heard one such story connected with Arjuna and his queens Chitrangada and Ulupi in the country near Sira some years ago. Arjuna once went out on a pilgrimage of twelve years* duration. It was then that he married Chitrangada and Ulupi. He left them in Manipur and went out to complete the pilgrimage. Towards the end of the period, he came to Manipura disguised as a *jogi*, spoke saucily to the wives, and laughed to think that they could not recognise him; and when at last they did, he disappeared and came to Hastinapura where his mother Kunti was. He danced a *jogi* dance before the palace and wanted to have a practical joke with his mother as he had with the wives. Kunti saw the *jogi*, noticed the resemblance to her son, and called him up and said: "I had a son, Jogi, who looked just like you. He went on a pilgrimage twelve years ago. I>id you meet him?" He said: "O no, mother. I did not. Twelve years, old lady, is a long time. Your son may have been killed in a fight, or have fallen ill and died." Kunti feels unhappy and gives him some presents. By then Chitrangada and Ulupi come in search of him. Arjuna moves away and the young •women tell their mother-in-law that the *jogi* was Arjuna himself* Shortly thereafter, they start in search of him again and, not finding him, try to drown themselves in three or four lakes. They do not succeed, as their time is not come. They then meet some *Naga* girls and

hearing that Arjuna proceeded in a particular direction go that way. When they are bathing in a pool, Arjuna comes there and to let them know he has come takes tip some of their clothes, goes to a bush nearby and